

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A silencer for a vacuum cleaner, which comprises at least one silencing board ~~(1)~~ mounted in an exhaust channel ~~(3)~~ of the vacuum cleaner for passage of an exhaust airflow from the vacuum cleaner, with a plurality of pores (2) distributed throughout in the silencing board ~~(1)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) A silencer for a vacuum cleaner according to claim 1 wherein the silencing board ~~(1)~~ is mounted in an orientation perpendicular to the direction of the airflow passing through the exhaust channel ~~(3)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) A silencer for a vacuum cleaner according to claim 1 wherein the total passage area of the pores ~~(2)~~ is less than half of the cross-sectional area of the exhaust channel ~~(3)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) A silencer for a vacuum cleaner according to claim 1 wherein the diameter of each of the pores ~~(2)~~ in the silencing board ~~(1)~~ is less than 6 mm.

5. (Cancelled)